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Henri V. Azibert

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For: **BALANCED MECHANICAL SEAL  
ASSEMBLY**

Examiner: G. Y. Lee

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006 (Paper No. 20061211) please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.